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## Rebuilding of the SS Kornat

The SS Kornat of the Jugoslavenska Slobodna Plovilba (Yugoslav Free Navigation) has been in service since the end of February 1949, when its overhaul was completed.

In 1944, while the ship was in dock at Liverpool, the dock gate slipped and the water rushed in, seriously damaging the bow, stern, and other parts of the ship. However, as fundamental rebuilding was not considered within the interests of the then owners, only the most urgent repairs were made, and the ship sailed home in that condition.

On 26 February 1947, on a voyage from Casablanca to Ghent, the ship lost a plate, and water began to enter. The ship continued on to Ghent along the coast, while the crew pumped, and stopped the hole with great effort. At Ghent, the entire ship was found to be in bad condition. Her oil tanks and engine tanks were useless. Because of a shortage of materials, only the most urgent repairs were made. A year later, the "Viktor Lenac" Shipyard began to overhaul the Kornat.

The ship has now been completely reconstructed. The tanks under engines and boilers were rebuilt. All ribs were replaced. Most of the plates in the engine room, boiler room, and oil-storage room have been replaced. The boilers were raised and all water pipes and auxiliary engines were removed. Large-scale work was done on the boilers. Comfortable quarters for the crew, with baths, showers, and clothes closets, were built in the stern. New cabins for the crew have two beds, two chests of drawers, a table, chairs, and other conveniences. The spacious mess has a library and chess sets. Each room has substantial wooden furniture. The ship has a new, modern appearance inside and out.

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